IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Bogdan-Vasile HARBUZARU et al.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

The existing Abstract has been replaced with the attached Abstract of the Disclosure.

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